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## CITY OF TUCSON'S PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT WINS PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The City of Tucson's Department of Procurement has received the distinguished Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award for the 18<sup>th</sup> year in a row, one of only six agencies nationwide to do so. The department was also the only agency in the country to score 200 on the AEP Award application.

The AEP Award is from the National Procurement Institute, in partnership with eleven other professional sponsor organizations. It measures innovation, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes in public procurement. The award is dedicated to establishing and maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, education, certification, development, leadership, and ethics.

"We are honored to receive this award and I am very proud of our team. This award represents the diligence of our City procurement staff in ensuring the citizens of Tucson and the employees of the City receive the highest level of professional service and commitment to excellence from our procurement team," said Procurement Director Marcheta Gillespie.

For more information on the City's Procurement Department, visit www.tucsonprocurement.com

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